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CLERK SUPERIOR COURT

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FORSYTH COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 26 - 3

IN RE: ORDER DESIGNATING MAGISTRATES TO SIGN SEARCH WARRANTS

Comes now Jeffrey S. Bagley, Superior Court Chief Judge, David L. Dickinson, Superior Court Judge, and Philip C. Smith, Superior Court Judge, and mutually request the judicial assistance of Chief Magistrate Keisha Chambless, Magistrate Erin Fowler, Magistrate Samuel Bagwell, Magistrate Phill Bettis, Magistrate James Musgrove, Magistrate Jennifer Patterson, and Magistrate Jennifer Ray of the Forsyth County Magistrate Court, in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1, for the following reason:

To improve judicial efficiency and ensure the timely handling of search warrant requests by permanently designating magistrates to review and sign all search warrants.

In accordance with O.C.G.A. § 15-1-9.1, the Superior Court Judges of Forsyth County, by mutual consent, hereby grant authority to the magistrates of Forsyth County to sit as fully clothed Superior Court Judges for the limited purpose of reviewing and signing all search warrants.

This Order shall not alter, modify, or affect any previous orders designating magistrates to hear other matters for the Superior Court.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

The following Forsyth County Magistrates are designated to sit as fully clothed Superior Court judges for the purpose of reviewing and signing search warrants: Chief Magistrate Keisha Chambless, Magistrate Erin Fowler, Magistrate Samuel Bagwell, Magistrate Phill Bettis, Magistrate James Musgrove, Magistrate Jennifer Patterson, and Magistrate Jennifer Ray.

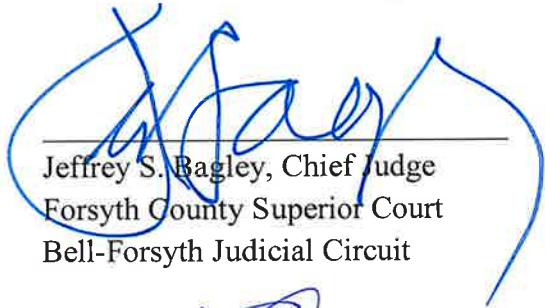
Magistrates designated under this Order shall have the same authority as Superior Court judges for the purpose of reviewing applications for search warrants, determining the existence of probable cause, and issuing or denying search warrants based on their review.

This designation grants authority to Magistrates only for the purpose of issuing search warrants under this Order. Nothing in this Order shall affect, limit, or revoke any other authority previously granted to magistrates. All search warrants issued under this authority shall be returnable before a Superior Court judge within the time prescribed by law.

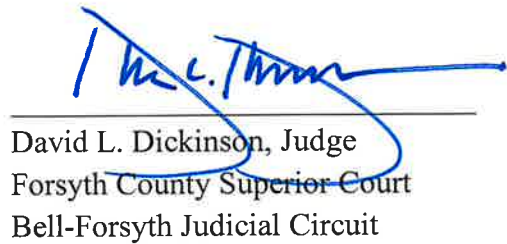
The authority granted herein shall be accepted by signing this Order, as indicated by the signatures of Chief Magistrate Keisha Chambless, Magistrate Erin Fowler, Magistrate Samuel Bagwell, Magistrate Phill Bettis, Magistrate James Musgrove, Magistrate Jennifer Patterson, and Magistrate Jennifer Ray

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Court's prior Order is renewed and extended through December 31, 2026. This Order shall take effect immediately upon signing and is entered nunc pro tunc to January 1, 2026.

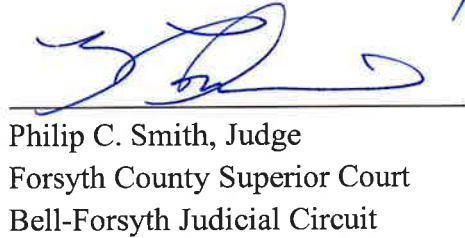
SO ORDERED, this 28th day of April, 2026.



Jeffrey S. Bagley, Chief Judge
Forsyth County Superior Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

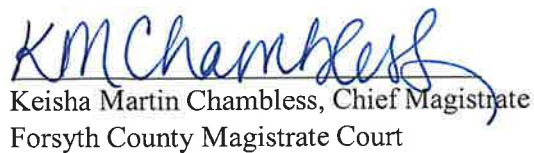


David L. Dickinson, Judge
Forsyth County Superior Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit



Philip C. Smith, Judge
Forsyth County Superior Court
Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit

ACCEPTED:



Keisha Martin Chambless, Chief Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court




Erin Fowler, Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court



Samuel R. Bagwell (May 1, 2026 09:25:24 EDT)

Samuel Bagwell, Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court



James Musgrove, Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court



Jennifer Ray, Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court



Phill Bettis, Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court



Jennifer Patterson (May 1, 2026 09:26:36 EDT)

Jennifer Patterson, Magistrate
Forsyth County Magistrate Court